# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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Defence Exercises
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of joint defence exercises conducted with other countries in Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the aims and objectives of such exercises; and

(c) the details of amount spent on such exercises during the said period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) The details of joint exercises conducted by the Indian Armed Forces with other countries in Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year are as given below:

(i) Bilateral joint exercise by Indian Army with US Army in March, 2012.

(ii)
Bilateral joint exercises by Indian Army with Russian Army in October, 2013 and November, 2015.

(iii) Bilateral joint exercise by Indian Air Force with French Air Force in June, 2014.

(b) Bilateral joint exercises with friendly foreign countries are conducted for building mutual trust and confidence and strengthening defence cooperation with the objective of upgrading skills and capabilities of our armed forces and also to get exposure to the best practices and advanced defence technology.

(c) The total expenditure incurred for the exercises referred to in reply to para (a) above by the Indian Army was `524.30 Lakh and by the Indian Air Force was `16.53 Lakh over and above the routine operational / training cost.

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